



SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES • THRIVING FAMILIES

What is Thriving Families, Safer Children?

We all prioritize the well-being and protection of children and families. Thriving Families, Safer Children provides a natural opportunity for tribes in Nebraska to receive intensive support in refining and enhancing systems with their people. Thriving Families, Safer Children is:

A Partnership Led By Each Tribe:

Within this partnership is a commitment to a long-term, unified effort to work with families, communities, and jurisdictions in new, highly intentional ways that are driven by the tribal members and the lived expertise of parents and young people. Within Nebraska, Nebraska DHHS and Nebraska Children and Families Foundation are invested in the success of each participating tribe. Key national system level partners are the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Casey Family Programs, Prevent Child Abuse America, and the United States Children's Bureau.

Individualized:

Each tribe or community identifies the areas to be addressed and the scope of intervention. Community-driven technical assistance, support, and resources will be provided to those tribes electing to participate.

Comprehensive:

Through this national partnership across the public, private, and philanthropic sectors a more just and equitable child and family well-being system that benefits all children and families can be created.

Focused:

This opportunity is open for voluntary participation by the Santee Sioux Nation, the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, and other Nebraska communities. Participation can be ended at any time. Nebraska is one of just 4 jurisdictions nationwide chosen recently by the United States Children's Bureau in a highly competitive process. Within Nebraska, four other communities have volunteered to participate.

What kind of community-driven technical assistance might tribes receive?

1. Financing across government agencies and programs
2. Federal and state system navigation and barrier busting
3. Integrating government and tribal-based services at the policy and practice levels;
4. Building and measuring promotive and protective factors in tribes, and mitigating risk factors;
5. Addressing issues of race equity and changing community norms around support and connection;
6. Building and measuring parental/caregiver protective capacities;
7. Preventing child maltreatment and child fatalities;
8. Co-designing solutions within tribes by sharing leadership and power directly with families, parents, caregivers, and youth with lived experience and expertise at every stage of planning, design, implementation, and evaluation;
9. Engaging legal and judicial and other partners; and
10. Other areas as needed and requested.

What are the next steps?

Tribal, state, and national partners will work together on an intensive process that involves young adults and parents/caregivers supported by partners to identify priorities and barriers.